—Computerised management system to be set up to improve monitoring.

—Auditing of schools proposed through engaging professional auditors in addition to Comptroller and Auditor General Audit.

—Norms of annual expenditure per student enhanced from Rs. 3500 to Rs. 5000.

—Complaint about harassment of students or neglect by principals or teachers given immediate personal attention by the Director.

(c) The Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti has envisaged setting up of one Vidyalaya on an average in each district and so for 339 Vidyalayas have been sanctioned/ opened in 30 States/Union Territories.

Preservation of relics of Mahatma Gandhi at National Gandhi Museum

1151. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that irreplaceable and priceless relics of Mahatma Gandhi at the National Gandhi Museum have been decaying and that his famous spectacles have been missing since long;;

(b) if so whether Government have made any inquiry into the gross lapses in the scientific preservation of the relics and mismanagement of the National Gandhi Museum;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) As per information furnished by the Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya Samiti, the report relating to the relics of Mahatma Gandhi is exaggerated.

(b) to (d) The National Gandhi Museum is administered by a non-Governmental and private Trust known as the Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya Samiti. The Governing Body have been requested to take appropriate action. This Ministry has offered full support and cooperation.

Demand of Granite Exporters

1152. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the granite exporters have demanded a national mineral policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether granite exporters have also demanded that the liberalisation benefits be extended to the mining sector; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take in this behalf with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM YADAV): (a) to (d) The New Mineral Policy which was laid in Parliament on 5-3-1993 is applicable to granite also. Granite exporters can avail of benefit of the new liberalised policies of the Government, which have been announced from the to time, in as much as these policies are applicable to them.

Kolar Gold Mines

1153. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kolar Gold Mines are virually exhausted after a century of Mining and it no longer economically viable to work in these mines;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the GSI has located gold mines in other areas but these are not being commercially exploited yet: and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Efforts of the Geological Survey of India (GSI) have brought to light at present only small isloated deposits which cannot be commercially exploited.

Closure of charge chrome Industries in Orissa

1154. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the pitiable condition of Asia's largest charge Chrome industries in Orissa due to closure of a major charge chrome plant, rendering hundreds of employees jobless, as reported in the Economic Times, New Delhi, dated 22nd November, 1993;

(b) whether such a closure has been due to the unequitable distribution of the mining leases aggravating the user industries;

(c) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to intervene and solve the issue of mining lease; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on Table of the House.

Deregulation of Mineral Processing Industry

1155. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided or contemplate to deregulate mineral processing industry to allow private sector to explore new areas with or without foreign equity participation;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating, benefits, the States will be deriving from it and to what extent and in which type of mines these will be allowed; and

(c) the details of proposals received or cleared so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Private sector participation in all mineral processing industries have already been permitted, as per the statement on Industrial Policy, 1991.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

देश में सोने का वार्षिक उत्पादन

1156. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में किन-किन स्थानों पर सोने की खानें स्थित हैं;

(ख) देश में सोने का कुल वार्षिक उत्पादन कितना है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार को इन खानों के प्रचालन से घाटा हो रहा है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ङ) प्रत्येक राज्य और विशेषतः मध्य प्रदेश में सोने की संभावनाओं का पता लगाने के लिये कराये जा रहे सर्वेक्षणों का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

खान मंत्रालय के राज्यमंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव) : (क) देश में सोने